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Letter dated 29 May 2012 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Observer Mission of the League of Arab States to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 27 May 2012, addressed to you from H.E. Nabil Elaraby, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States (see annex).

Pursuant to Article 54 of the Charter of the United Nations, I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mohamed **el-Kafrawi**
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Annex to the letter dated 29 May 2012 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Observer Mission of the League of Arab States to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

[Original: Arabic]

I am writing to you because of the dangerous escalation in acts of violence and killings in various parts of Syria. The seriousness of the situation was confirmed by the statements made by the international observers and the joint statement that was issued by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Joint Special Envoy of the League of Arab States and the United Nations after the appalling massacre that regular Syrian military troops committed in Hulah in the Homs countryside.

The continued perpetration of violations and crimes against the Syrian people is a blatant contravention of international humanitarian law and the Syrian Government's commitments under the six-point plan endorsed by the Security Council in its resolutions 2042 (2012) and 2043 (2012).

In view of the gravity of the declining situation in Syria and its implications for regional security and stability, the Security Council must shoulder its responsibility to halt this dangerous escalation by immediately taking the necessary measures under the Charter of the United Nations to protect Syrian civilians, hold accountable those officials responsible for the commission of crimes and grave violations of human rights and implement the above-mentioned resolutions. First and foremost, the Syrian Government must be compelled to implement immediately and fully Mr. Kofi Annan's plan, in order to prevent further bloodshed.

I therefore call on you to act swiftly to halt all acts of violence in Syria and to take the measures required to protect Syrian civilians, including by increasing the number of international observers and granting them the authority they require to put an end to the violations and crimes being committed.

I would appreciate it if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nabil **Elaraby**
Secretary-General